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# Old Paper Tickets Being Phased Out by March 31, 2013



A favorite of airline employees and casual riders, the paper 12-trip ticket will no longer be accepted for passage after March 31, 2013. All passengers with this type of ticket must complete their travel by that date as the tickets will become invalid. The 12-trip Pass will continue to be available for purchase on the EASY Card, and passengers who have already loaded their EASY Cards with a 12-trip Pass will not be affected.

The paper complimentary ticket will also become invalid after March 31. The original ticket validators will be removed from all stations as of that date, so it will not be possible to stamp-validate the old paper tickets. For additional information, call Customer Service at 1-800-TRI-RAIL (874-7245).



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THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY - A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN BROWARD, MIAMI-DADE & PALM BEACH COUNTIES.

## A Message from the Executive Director

This past year has proven to be a successful and significant time for the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority. Our ridership has grown by 5.1% over the previous year. New rolling stock has been received to provide our passengers with a more comfortable and reliable ride. We are collaborating with partners throughout the region to enhance service to our community and we are committed to responsible growth of our service.

We have recently taken delivery of 8 new cars from Hyundai Rotem. As more passenger cars, and soon

dispatch of the corridor. We have developed a plan to begin running commuter service on the FEC tracks around 2014. At the beginning of 2013, we will be breaking ground for our first LEED-certified station, replacing the outdated Pompano Beach Station with what we hope will become our prototype for future stations. Working with our partners at the FTA, Broward MPO, FDOT, and BCT, we have begun laying the foundation for the Wave, Fort Lauderdale's new streetcar system.

All and all, 2012 was an outstanding year for the

de la Florida. Nuestro número de usuarios ha crecido en un 5.1% sobre el año anterior. Hemos recibido material rodante nuevo para poder proveer a nuestros pasajeros un viaje más cómodo y confiable. Estamos colaborando con socios a través de la región para expandir el servicio a nuestra comunidad y estamos comprometidos al crecimiento responsable de nuestro servicio.

Recientemente, hemos recibido, una entrega de 8 vagones nuevos de Hyundai Rotem. Al ir recibiendo más vagones, y pronto, locomotoras, en nuestra agencia, tendremos casi toda nuestra flota en condiciones nuevas o reconstruidas. Estaremos listos para hacer frente a cualquier oportunidad presentada, ya sea incrementos adicionales en el tráfico de pasajeros u operar rutas nuevas y expandidas.

Mirando hacia el futuro, estamos en negociaciones con CSXT y FDOT para tomar el poder del mantenimiento y el despacho del corredor. Hemos desarrollado un plan para empezar a operar un servicio de pasajero interurbano en



Joseph Giulietti, Executive Director

las vías del FEC alrededor del 2014. A principios del 2013, estaremos iniciando la construcción de nuestra primera estación certificada LEED, reemplazando la anticuada estación de Pompano Beach con la esperanza que se convierta en nuestro prototipo para estaciones futuras. Trabajando con nuestros socios en FTA, Broward MPO, FDOT y BCT, hemos empezado a preparar el terreno para el Wave, el nuevo sistema de tranvía de Fort Lauderdale. En general, el 2012 fue un año trascendental para la SFRTA y esperamos que el 2013 sea aún más productivo. Me despido deseándole a

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## Pack Your Bags...

With leisure travel at its peak during the holidays, Tri-Rail is a great way to get to and from South Florida's three major international airports. To further get this message across, Tri-Rail recently launched its latest marketing campaign, "Pack Your Bags," with the chance to win a trip for two to Las Vegas including accommodations at the New York-New York Hotel, as well as two roundtrip Tri-Rail tickets. The campaign reiterates the benefits of riding Tri-Rail to the airports, such as direct shuttle connections, affordable fares, free parking at the train stations and luggage racks onboard trains and buses.



Adam and Brianna were randomly selected by 101.5 LITE FM to win tickets to a Miami Heat game. The couple joined friends onboard Tri-Rail to get to the airport for a trip to the Bahamas.



Santa Claus and 97.9 FM teamed up to spread holiday cheer, offering riders traveling to the airport the chance to win great prizes and more.

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locomotives, are delivered to the agency, we will have almost all of our fleet in new or rebuilt condition. We will be poised to meet any opportunities presented, whether they be additional increases in ridership or operating new and expanded routes.

Looking ahead, we are currently in negotiations with CSXT and FDOT to take over the maintenance and

SFRTA and we look forward to 2013 being even more productive. I close by wishing you, your families and friends a safe, healthy and happy new year.

**MENSAJE DEL DIRECTOR EJECUTIVO**

Este último año ha probado ser una época exitosa y significativa para la Autoridad Regional de Transporte del Sur



# Station Aerial Maps

SFRTA has made it easier for passengers to familiarize themselves with their Tri-Rail station with the newly-produced Station Aerial Maps now available on [www.tri-rail.com](http://www.tri-rail.com). The new maps complement the Transit Connection Area Maps that currently display the connections that service each station. In addition to providing a satellite view of each station and its unique surroundings, the Station Aerial Maps summarize the list of amenities available at a particular station, visibly labeling the exact site where features such as bicycle lockers and racks, as well as elevators and bus stops can be found.



usted, a sus familias y amigos un año nuevo seguro, saludable y feliz.

## YON MESAJ DIREKTÈ EKZEKITIF NOU

A ne ki sot pase a se te yon ane plen sikse; li te enpòtan anpil pou *South Florida Regional Transportation Authority*. Kantite moun ki monte nan kabin nou monte 5.1% parapò a lane pase. Nou resevwa kabin pou pasaje nou kapab pi alèz epi pou vwayaj la fèt san enkonvenyan. N ap travay men nan lamen ak patnè nou nan zòn nan pou amelyore sèvis nou bay kominote a epitou nou pran angajman pou nou ofri pi bon sèvis.

Resaman nou resevwa 8 nouvo machin nan men Hyundai Rotem. Ofiyamezi ajans la ap resevwa plis machin ak plis lokomotiv, n ap remete preske tout konvwa nou an anèf. N ap an eta pou nou pran avantaj tout nouvo opòtinite, keseswa ogmante kantite moun ki monte machin nou oswa woule sou wout ki pi nèf, pi gwo.

N ap travay pou landemen miyò: kounyeya n ap negosye avèk CSXT ak FDOT pou yo pran an men antretyen ak espedisyon koulwa a. Nou gen plan pou nou kòmanse ofri sèvis transpò sou tray FEC yo nan ane 2014. Nan debi 2013, n ap kòmanse itilize premye estasyon ki sètifye pa LEED; li va ranplase estasyon demode Pompano Beach la epi nou espere la sèvi modèl pou tout estasyon nou konstwi apre sa. N'ap travay avèk patnè nou nan FTA, Broward MPO, FDOT, ak BCT, pou nou tabli fondasyon Wave, nouvo sistèm machin piblik Fort Lauderdale.

Orezime, 2012 se te yon ane estwòdinè pou SFRTA epi nou panse 2013 ap pi bèl toujou. Pou m fini lèt sa a, m ap swete ou menm, fanmi ou, ak zanmi w', yon bòn ane, plen kè kontan ak sante.

# County Transit Bulletin

The South Florida County Fixed Route bus systems went through some interesting changes toward the end of 2012, which are still worth familiarizing yourself with for 2013.

## BROWARD COUNTY TRANSIT (BCT)

The BCT bus passes were recently redesigned to showcase the beauty and fun of South Florida. Passengers with old bus passes may continue to use them until their expiration date.

Visit [www.broward.org/bct](http://www.broward.org/bct) to view all the new BCT bus pass designs.

## MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT (MDT)

MDT has been notifying its passengers that many EASY Cards, which were introduced in October 2009 and have a life-span of three years, may soon be reaching their expiration date and will need to be replaced. MDT has utilized its website, posted informational signage at all Metrorail stations, used call-waiting messages and sent out emails to its customers to let them know to check the expiration date of their EASY Cards and replace them (for a \$2 fee) if needed.

Those with special EASY Cards, such as Corporate Discount Program members, are encouraged to contact their Plan Administrators for more detailed instructions. Golden Passport holders should call the EASY Card Financial Center at 786-469-5151 on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., or visit the MDT website at [www.miamidade.gov/transit](http://www.miamidade.gov/transit) for further information on how to replace their EASY Cards.

## PALM TRAN

Palm Tran introduced new trip-planning enhancements to its system, including the integration to Google Transit and making real-time bus information available for all of its buses.

Now passengers are equipped with information on specific bus locations on the route, as well as easily accessible information on how to get to their desired destination.

Visit [www.palmtran.org](http://www.palmtran.org) to access and for more information.



# Tri-Rail Ridership Tops 4 Million in 2012

The South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) announced that Tri-Rail ridership exceeded more than 4 million passengers in 2012 with 4,072,549 riders. The total was exceeded only in 2008, when the rail system carried 4,303,509 commuters and leisure travelers.

Two key factors fueled the near record ridership. Employment in South Florida has begun to rebound according to reports from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity; and gas prices, while not as high as they were during some months in 2012, continue to be a consideration for most commuters.

The SFRTA plans to begin offering hourly service on weekends starting in March, up from the current weekend schedule of 2-hour headways.

